

## MILLIONS OF TONS OF ICE.

## HOW NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN'S HUGE SUPPLY IS DISTRIBUTED.

An Army of Handlers and a Great Investment of Capital—Hard Work and Some Danger for the Men—Great Increase in the Demand from Year to Year—The Knickerbocker's Depot on the Hudson.

"How long have you been employed in handling ice?" inquired an EVENING WORLD reporter of an elderly man who was superintending the unloading of one of the Knickerbocker Ice Company's barges at the foot of Bank street this morning.

"Nigh on forty years," replied the Captain.

"And how does it affect the health of the men engaged in the work?"

"I have known many men who have handled ice during a greater portion of their life. They lived to be old men and apparently did not have the health injured by working in the ice-houses and barges. Butchers who in hot weather frequently step into their refrigerators while perspiring, suffer more than the men who do our kind of work. I have known market men to lose their hearing from the practice of going from the hot air into the icy atmosphere in the refrigerator."

"In handling ice," continued the Captain, "there is great danger of accidents resulting in broken limbs and other injuries. Many of our men also sustain ruptures while handling ice. I saw a man struck by a cake of ice as it jumped the chute on the banks of the Hudson river last winter. His feet were knocked from under him and he fell, breaking his neck."

"No, I cannot tell you how many men are employed in the ice-houses in this city, but I can tell you that if they were all to assemble they would make quite an army. The great majority of them belong to the Knights of Labor, and they are, as a rule, sober, hard-working and peaceable citizens."

"If you were to come here in the small hours of the morning—say 3 o'clock," continued the Captain, "you would find the street and dock hereabouts crowded with peddlers waiting to get their ice."

"How many tons will that barge carry?"

"Let me see. I can load about fourteen hundred tons in this city, but in New York and Brooklyn we can handle more."

The Knickerbocker Company harvests its ice from Rockland Lake, the Hudson River and several lakes near the Hudson. The company has seven ice docks along the North and East rivers in this city, six in Brooklyn and one at Coney Island, from which points it is distributed.

The reporter visited the company's office at 432 Canal street and saw the Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Smith.

"How much ice is consumed annually in New York and Brooklyn?"

"About four million tons, I should judge," said Mr. Smith.

"Does the demand increase from year to year?"

"Yes. Although the introduction of the cold-air machines into breweries for cooling beer has deprived us of a great deal of trade, we do more business now than ever before. But one family in ten used ice five years ago; now nearly every family has to be supplied. The small consumers, such as the grocer, use more ice than the saloons and markets."

"It is expensive work to serve a large number of patrons who take but a small piece of ice each day. We only charge them 5 to 10 cents a day, and the ice has to be hauled in many instances up five or six flights of stairs. It is not the ice that makes the expense; it is the help we hire to handle it."

"You probably have no idea," said Treasurer Smith, "how much capital it requires to carry on the ice business. It is not like other businesses where the dealer is unable to realize on his investment until the following summer."

He can't dispose of his ice at any time, as one of the other kinds of property. He has to wait until the ice is dealt out to numerous patrons and the money for it collected."

"There are six or seven incorporated ice companies in New York and a host of men who buy wages in the aggregate, use more ice than the saloons and markets."

"The Knickerbocker Ice Company is said to be the largest handler of ice in the world."

Rome Will Fall on Monday Night. Monday night will witness a great event at St. George, Staten Island. "Nero, or the Fall of Rome," Imre Kiralfy's newest production, and one of the most costly and magnificent spectacles ever presented, will then be seen for the first time.

Buffalo Bill's great show is daily attracting larger and more enthusiastic crowds to Reefs, Staten Island. The sail across the bay is so refreshing and the exhibition so enjoyable that few are content with a single visit.

The evening performances are particularly attractive, the grounds being then illuminated with brilliant lights. The great boats of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company are at the service of visitors to the show.

La Salle Academy. This afternoon, occur the preliminary contests in elocution, vocal music and athletics for silver medals.

The closing exercises are announced for next Thursday evening, June 28.

The new German Kaiser will be crowned at Koenigsberg in the autumn.

A fire at the Thousand Island Hotel at Alexandria Bay causes \$15,000 damage.

The Alexandro Steamship Line to Cuba has been sold to James E. Ward & Co.

The Austro-Hungarian Parliament has voted a war credit of 47,000,000 francs.

The Hatfield-McCoy feud in West Virginia breaks out again, and another life is sacrificed.

The Yale crew easily won the University of Pennsylvania over the four-mile course at New London.

Burglars roam the feet of a West Virginia farmer in a vain attempt to make him tell where he kept his money.

The French Chamber of Deputies has been petitioned to permit the return of the Duc d'Anjou to France.

A wild man, who wears no clothing, is roaming around the woods at Harvard, Mass., frightening women and children.

The yacht Gleam, belonging to the late T. Harrison Garrett, of Baltimore, is to have her machinery taken out and the hull will be broken up.

A Strong Remembrance. (From the Pittsburgh Chronicle.) "I have another for you," remarked the Snake Editor.

"Well, what is it?" asked the Horse Editor.

"Why, I've got the Lake Superior region."

"Give it up. Why is it?"

"Because it contains the biggest copper mine in the world."

## POINTS ON PLUMBING.

Gleaned from a Talk With Inspector Collins of the Health Board.

"It is safe to say that from this time there will be a marked improvement in the plumbing of this city," remarked J. C. Collins, Chief Inspector of the Division of Plumbing and Ventilation of the Board of Health, to a reporter of THE EVENING WORLD recently.

"Beginning on July 1, all plumbing in new houses will have to be tested by pressure to make sure that joints are tight and the material good. The rules which will then go into force by orders of the Health Commissioner provide that the plumbers shall test all the drain and vent pipes in the presence of a plumbing inspector by a pressure test to be applied by the inspector. Proof that the test has been made will be required by the Department of Public Works before connection with Croton water mains will be permitted."

In explanation, Mr. Collins said that some time ago he reported to the Board of Health that his opinion it would be advisable to require all plumbing in new houses to be tested before any connection is made with the water mains.

The Board adopted his recommendation, and the plumbing in new houses is now to be tested before any connection is made with the water mains.

Convictions were had in several cases, and the general penalty imposed was a fine of \$250.

"The plumbers begin to realize that the Board of Health is earnest," Mr. Collins said. "It is cheaper to do good work at first than to have to put out poor work and do the plumbing a second time."

The Board of Public Works approves the action of the Board of Health, and water will now be supplied to new houses only if the plumbing has been tested and pronounced satisfactory by one of the inspectors.

The mode of testing is to insert a testing plug into the hub of a pipe and apply air pressure, with a gauge to indicate whether or not there is a loss of pressure. If there is a loss, chemicals can be used to locate, by color and odor, the place where the leak is.

Every inspector has a district in which there are about three hundred houses.

Many plumbers use oakum and tinfoil in making joints, and some have been known to use putty. With the air pump the oakum, putty and tinfoil is blown out.

The Newark Canoe Club will have a sailing competition for members July 4.

The Kings County Wheelmen have a large list of riders for their races this afternoon.

K. O. Smith, of the Long Island City Wheelmen, has been doing the mile in 2.10 in practice.

The Nantux Boat Club has added two new pleasure boats to its well-stocked boat-house.

The Nassau Athletic Club is having some very hard races for the Long Island City Cup.

A tennis tournament will be held by the Staten Island Athletic Club on its grounds June 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Halligan, ex-conviction feather-weight boxer, has gone into strict training for the one-half mile run.

The Gramercy Boat Club has been fitting up its new motor launch, the only one of the kind in the harbor.

The Gramercy Athletic Club, one of the oldest in the city, held its picnic and games at Empire Park, Columbia Heights.

The American Athletic Club, a recently organized club of Brooklyn, will hold its first set of games at the city of Brooklyn on July 4.

The Brooklyn Athletic Association is making preparations to hold a lawn party on their grounds by moonlight during the month of July.

Quite a number of amateur carmen will enter the annual race which will be rowed on the Fort Augustus course, Queensbush River, at Sunbury, Pa., July 10 and 11.

The Brooklyn Athletic Club, of East New York, will hold its second member athletic games July 4, on the grounds at Pennsylvania and Atlantic streets, at P. M. Competitions are free to the public.

Mike Donahue, the retired champion light-weight collier-and-bow wrestler, offers to wrestle young Mike Walsh, the champion of the city, at the City Athletic Club, at the Oriental Theatre, Monday night, for \$100 a side. A meeting between these two would be a real event.

Brooklyn's Farewell Games. Prospects of Two Good Matches Previous to Going West.

This afternoon the Bridgeports will appear at Washington Park for the last time, previous to their departure for the West. They will meet the Athletics. Both clubs are in excellent form, and as they have been showing up remarkably well both at home and in the field, it is fair to presume that the men on both sides will do their utmost to excel themselves in the final games of the present series.

The matches played in Philadelphia the other evening were very interesting, and the play on both sides being remarkably sharp. There is every probability, therefore, that the match on Monday will attract a large crowd, and that the spectators will see grand ball.

To-morrow afternoon the last Sunday game of the Brooklyn series will be played at Ridgewood, Baltimore being the opposing club. As the friends of the Brooklyn club have about a month after this match, special interest is felt in it. Sunday evening will be spent by the players at home, and the next morning they will get previous to starting on their travels.

On Monday morning the entire club, President Byrne and Manager McGuinness, making a party of eighteen, will assemble at Jersey City, where they will spend a day and night, and then return to Brooklyn by the limited express.

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He Was Charged With Fraud. After twenty-four years of service in the Brooklyn Navy-yard William Laird, a Republican, was yesterday suspended on a charge of placing obstacles in the way of bidders for contracts, in favor of certain favorites.

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The Factory Inspector Will Take Action. District-Attorney Ridgway will be asked, in a few days, by Factory Inspector Connolly to begin an action against Frierick & Carter, who own a cordage factory, for the death of Owen Sullivan, who was drawn into the machinery of the factory.

None of the employees of the factory can account for the accident. As the boy was under the machinery, the factory inspector thinks a suit will be sustained by the court.

artist with an expression of irritation not unmixed with embarrassment.

"No, sir," said Mr. Mosely, a little, dark man, with an unmistakable Hebrew air; "it really will not do. I've waited and waited long enough, and now I must place the picture in the hands of my solicitor, sir."

"I tell you," cried the Lancier, "you'll get it all right. I can't apply to my uncle at the present; he's just paid \$1,500 for me. Neither is it leaving England if my regiment is ordered to Egypt."

"That, sir, is your business," replied the tailor. "I only want the money for my own use."

"Oh, I know you've got a bill to meet a

## OF COURSE YOU ARE GOING.

## THERE'LL BE GAY TIMES AT DIVER'S PICNIC MONDAY.

The Whole of the Fourth and Sixth Wards Will Be Out Somewhere on the Long Branch of the Two Smaller Steamers and the Flotilla That Will Sail Up to River-view Grove.

Happy the man who is favored with a ticket to the complimentary excursion of the P. Diver Association, and three happy he who is fortunate enough to squeeze himself on to one of the crafts that carry away the friends and admirers of the representative of the Second Annual District in the municipal Legislature.

The fourth annual excursion of the association will leave the foot of Dover street, East River, Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and will go to River-view Grove, opposite Yonkers, on the Hudson.

The mammoth steamer Long Branch, two smaller steamers and the six barges, Charles Spear, Susquehanna, Walter Bunde, William J. Haskell, William Myers and William H. Jordan will carry the 40,000 invited guests as can find standing-room on them.

These excursions are the largest that go out from New York every year, and every Fourth and Sixth warder who can do so leaves business for the day and devotes himself to pleasure.

Last year 15,000 people enjoyed the affair, while many more were left, disappointed, behind, being unable to get on the boats. Therefore two steamers have been added to the carrying convenience this year.

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## LEN HENDRICK AND THE CROOK.

Narrow Escape of a Hunch Man from Losing His Money to a Reporter.

"Len" Hendrick is one of the best known newspaper reporters in the city. He is popularly supposed to have been a reporter when Adam was a boy, but is, nevertheless, younger than the messenger boys on his paper.

He was a war correspondent during the rebellion, and many stories are related of his coolness under fire.

On one occasion—at Gettysburg, perhaps—an officer sent Hendrick under a sultier's wagon playing seven-up with three other newspaper writers. The bullets were flying thick and fast, "grape-shot hissed and casheot screamed" in easy ear-shot, and the officer demanded: "What in thunder are you doing?"

"That's in my jack," said Hendrick, coolly, as he took a trick. Then to the officer: "Where the deuce would we be? We don't get out of this handling but we get in."

But despite the frantic call to arms of Senator Ingalls, John Sherman and Gov. Foster, the war is over, and Len Hendrick has removed his spurs, and is now a man of peace and an ornament to metropolitan journalism.

He lives in Jersey, and when he comes to his work in the morning he looks for all the world like one of those Jersey farmers who have gathered in their fortunes selling strawberries to New Yorkers.

A military sort hat is all that is left to denote the warrior. The other day as he was about to enter his office, he was rushed up to him at Cortlandt street, and with both hands extended exclaimed effusively: "Why, my dear fellow, how are you?"

"I'm doing fairly well, how are you?" responded the reporter, adding, "but really, I can't just place you. Aren't you mistaken? I am Mr. Hendshaw. I'm from Laredo, Tex., and I'm just looking for a new office."

The other acknowledged that he had made a mistake. He had taken Mr. Hendshaw for another man. He was not in the drug business himself, but could like to see Mr. Hendshaw at his store, 410 Broadway. He would make it pleasant for him, and bidding Mr. Hendshaw a pleasant day, he left him.

Two blocks further up another well-dressed young man called out to Mr. Hendshaw. "I don't look to see you so far away from home. What's going on in Texas? I haven't been in some weeks."

"Well, about as usual. Lem me see, what is your name?"

"Thompson. I'm from Galveston, you know. Met you once when I was down in Laredo looking for a place to locate."

"Galveston? Say, what was the name of that hotel that was burned there the other day? I was trying to remember."

The answer was prompt: "The States. The United States Hotel. Had you been there?"

Hendshaw went deeper. He inquired: "Have they moved the plaza yet? They were talking about it last time I was in Galveston."

"No," moved that last spring just before I left."

All this was very interesting to the old newspaper man, especially the information that Galveston, a port and a city of 100,000 people, had moved the plaza.

After a moment's reflection he said: "Say, I've got a question to ask you. I've got another friend just below. But (confidentially) I decided that man. Cruelly deceived him. My name isn't Hendshaw. I am not in the drug business, but I never was. I'm a lawyer. My name is Brown. I'm from Massachusetts, and I am down to the city looking for New York office, see?"

The Galveston man, who had been so interested in the story, suddenly he made a bolt and darted down Vesey street at a Gus Guerrero clip.

I never came so near being humiliated before in my life," said Hendrick, relating his experience, "and if I hadn't been open and frank with that fellow he might have steered me in somewhere and I'd have broken his bank."

Another Summer Night. It Brought More Festivals and Music and Grand Marches.

The eleventh anniversary, picnic and summer-night festival of the Ladies' Society of Yorkville, at Washington Park last night, was a largely attended affair.

President Julius Baehr and wife led the grand march, followed by Mr. and Mrs. A. Osterman and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wertheim.

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